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Ziv Rocks SJC Campus

By Patricia Roeder
Staff Writer

The Alternative band Ziv hit the stage in the Ballroom on Friday evening, September 24th.

This talented, upbeat band pleased the crowd with their heartfelt lyrics, positive energy, and charming persona. Ziv has toured across the United States for several years now, and has released three albums, (all of which were available after the show). The band's name is derived from the lead singer. Ziv showed his musical versatility

by crooning notes in the upper octave, jamming on the electric keyboard, and playing guitar.

He even came down from the stage and sang a song on the Ballroom's Grand Piano, a gesture which drew the crowd and the singer closer together.

Much of the enthusiasm also came from the drummer Mark, who tapped his feet while hammering out the drum riffs. The band was completed with Kenny, the bass guitarist who also seemed to oversee the electrical systems involved in playing.



Ziv plays the piano and sings in the ballroom. Courtesy of Patricia Roeder.

Spanish Club Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By Brandon Bennett
Staff Writer

On September 30th, the Spanish Club celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month for the first time in the Shen Auditorium. Over twenty students from different classes attended. The Spanish Club is headed by Professor Claudia Sadowski.

The celebration began with a presentation by Professor Sadowski on some important facts. Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th. Several Latin American countries achieved independence on September 15th, followed by Mexico on the 16th.

The Heritage Month recognizes Americans with Spanish heritage who have achieved great success in their lives. Next year, the Spanish classes will represent these people, and make exhibits to show in the Core lobby. They will also hold festivals in class.

Professor Sadowski then talked about the history of the piñata and a game called loteria. Loteria is a game similar to bingo, originally designed for upper class citizens. Today, it has become a teaching tool for young children. Ancient piñatas were clay pots that the people broke to appease their gods.

Now, piñatas are used for fun celebrations, typically for children. After the presentation, Professor Sadowski brought out

a piñata for the students to hit. Each participant was blindfolded before swinging at the piñata.

After several comical tries, senior Criminal Justice major Sarah Croskey stepped up and easily decapitated the colorful papier-mâché horse. Traditional Mexican candy spilled out, including a type called chili rokas, which are fruity candies with spices inside. The students divided up the candy equally among everyone there.

Next, the students played loteria. Each player took a playing card with sixteen different pictures on them. The caller then read one picture card at a time, until the winning player covered all sixteen squares on their card. Eight different bags of candy were the prizes for the night.

The students played several more games. The winner of the previous game became the caller, and selected whatever music he or she wanted to listen to. Finally, all the prizes were taken.

Overall, it was a fun night for the Spanish Club. National Hispanic Heritage Month is sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs Committee and the Foreign Language Club. Next year's celebration will be much bigger at the College, and will hopefully involve the whole student body.

Ziv performed for approximately an hour, playing a mix of the many songs they have produced. One of their songs aired during an episode of the 2004 TV series "Summerland." They played a variety of songs from their newest album "Paper and Sound" as well as a few songs that are not yet on any of their albums. After the show, the band mingled with the crowd at a side table, where Ziv stickers, t-shirts, and CDs were sold.

Many audience members

expressed their appreciation afterwards. "I liked the part when Ziv came down and played on the piano," expressed undeclared freshman Tanner Brunson.

Freshman Elementary Education major Julie Hays also enjoyed the band. "Ziv was super nice," revealed Julie after meeting the lead singer. Julie was also invited on stage and received a special dedication during the concert. Ziv also dedicated a song to Music major Michael Booth after reading his column in a past Observer Issue about love.



Ziv perform all together on stage. Courtesy of Patricia Roeder.

STUDENTS RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR BREAST CANCER

By Elysse Hillyer
Editor-in-Chief

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and all across the country, people are raising money and awareness to fight this disease. Breast cancer is one of the leading causes of death for women in the United States, but it can also affect men. Over 40,000 women a year will die from breast cancer.

There are multiple causes for increased risk of breast cancer, including age, family history, and weight. Although breast cancer is most common among women over the age of 40, younger women should still maintain a healthy awareness of their personal risk and perform self exams and get regular exams at the doctor based on their age group.

The earlier the cancer is detected, the better the prognosis. There are many tests and treatment options for people who are faced with breast cancer.

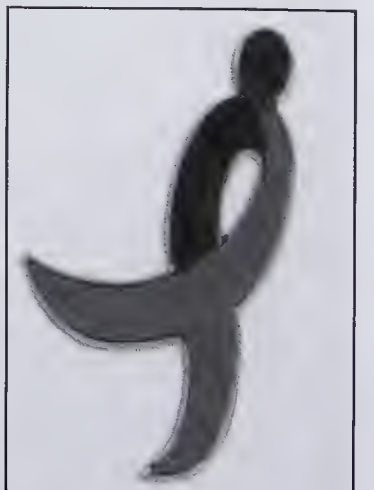
For people wanting to get involved in the fight to cure this disease, the easiest way to help is to make a donation to groups like the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Many places hold marathons, and people wear pink to raise awareness. Other various types of fundraisers are held year-round to get donations to find a cure.

Students at Saint Joseph's College are doing their part to help with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There is a table

set up for donations outside the cafeteria during lunch, and there will be a stand set up selling pink lemonade at the Homecoming football game on Saturday October 9th. There is also a breast cancer walk called "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" on October 23rd at 9 am.

Every three minutes, someone in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer. There were 192,370 new cases in 2009 alone. Nearly everyone on campus knows someone who has battled this disease.

By participating in events and making donations, students at St. Joseph's College can help make a difference. For more information on breast cancer, and ways to help the cause, visit <http://ww5.komen.org/>.



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The Winner Is

By Dan Zimmer
Staff Writer

On October 1 Saint Joseph College students participated in a weekend long annual Puma bus competition put on by the SUB committee. Students were competing for a Vizio 37" LCD HDTV.

The rules were simple. Keep one hand on the bus at all times. The last person with a hand on the bus wins. This sounds simple enough but when faced with hours of enduring weather, starvation and sore arms, Ben Geels was announced the winner. The competition took a total of twenty three grueling hours.

Competitors are only given a five minute bathroom break. Competitors had to be strategic about when to use their break. Wesley Weber had to overcome his bladder. "I wish I wouldn't

have drunk that liter of Mountain Dew at the start to keep me awake."

Ten students started the competition on Friday, October 1, at 6:00 pm. Weather started off nicely for competitors, with a calm cool night with no breeze. However, later into the night the wind turned the competitors frigid and cold.

The following morning was cool and damp with few competitors left clutching the side of the bus. "It has been intensive," says Weber at the 19 hour mark. He says he used music from his IPOD and stand-up comedy to keep his spirits up.

At that point, what started as 10 brave souls were now only two.

Ben Geels, last year's winner, was one of the remaining two. His experience paid off and got him

that far. "At the start there were some mental games, but those were first time competitors, so those mental games back fired."

Competitors used a wide variety of ways to entertain themselves. Some used movies on laptops, but most had friends who came and visited with them.

As spectators came and went, the competitors became livelier.

Judges from SUB also had to bear the weather with the competitors while watching for hands off the bus. Although they were in shifts, they too were required to sit outdoors next to the bus. "I feel like I deserve a prize," said Maggie Schmitt.

Ben Geel's new television will look great in his dorm room. His endurance should be congratulated.

Camping Retreat

By Jessica Ruschke
Staff Writer

On September 24-26 several students participated in Campus Ministry's Camping Retreat. That Friday evening the students arrived at Tippecanoe River State Park in Winamac, IN for a few days of prayer, relaxation, reflection, and connection with other students.

The retreat was held in one of the group areas with a mess hall and several cabins for everyone to sleep in. The first night students unpacked and spent time hanging out and relaxing. After dinner, Senior Elementary Education major Bridget McDermott, one of the planners of the retreat, explained the activities that would go on the rest of the weekend.

These activities included sharing stories, meeting with one other student one-on-one, sitting around the fire, and participating in a prayer service.

The preparation for this retreat started long before the actual weekend. Brother Tim Hemm, McDermott, sophomore Psychology major Jackson Hooker, sophomore Business Administration major Matthew McGrane, and freshman Mass Communications major Eric Engelking came together to plan

for the event. They discussed who would help lead each specific event. McDermott has participated in the retreat each year since her freshman year and collaborated with Brother Hemm to plan the structure of the weekend.

Many students enjoyed sharing stories about themselves and hearing other students tell about their own experiences. "People were open to share a part of themselves that they wouldn't normally share with people. It was a time to open up and show your true self and know that we are there to support each other," said freshman Theatre Arts major Zach Conrad. "I really liked hearing other people's stories and knowing that I don't struggle alone, and that I don't have to struggle alone," agreed senior Elementary Education major Chantel Johnson. Some found the discussions spiritually moving as well. "Hearing everyone's testimonials about their own lives was a sign of God with us," said Undeclared freshman Gayle Arend.

This type of connection also happened during the prayer service. Freshman Music Education major Christopher Davies said, "We all became closer on a much deeper level than most people here on

campus do [during the prayer service]"

Along with spending time connecting to one another, the students on the retreat spent time relaxing, hiking, sitting around the campfire, and playing Ultimate Ninja.

"Playing Ultimate Ninja was also really fun. I also remember on the last night we were there a group of us stayed up until three in the morning, even though we knew we had to get up at eight the next morning," said Johnson.

This year, more freshmen came on the retreat than the previous year. "As a senior, I may not have gotten to know some of the wonderful freshmen that I became acquainted with this weekend," said McDermott.

Many students who participated encourage other students to try the retreat next year. "If given the opportunity, this is an amazing trip and a great setting for relaxation," said McDermott.

Many also expressed enthusiasm for next year's retreat. "Most definitely [I will go again] because its great just to get away from campus for a weekend and get to know some awesome people," said freshman History major Benjamin Kessler.



Puma Bus Competitor Cassandra McKeown with her hand on the bus.

Photo Courtesy of: Dan Zimmer

Upcoming Events

October 8th: 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM - Homecoming Honor Class Dinner (Halleck Food Court - North Side)
7:00 PM - Volleyball vs KWU (HOME)

October 9th: 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM - ALD Induction Reception (Core Foyer in Front of the Shen)
12:00 PM - Football vs Notre Dame College (OH)
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3:00 PM - Volleyball vs USI
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Homecoming Reunion Dinner (Halleck Student Center Ballroom)
9:00 PM - 1:30 AM - Homecoming Dance - Halleck Patio (Rainsite-South Halleck)

October 10th: 2:00 PM - SJC Tennis vs College of DuPage

October 13: 5:00 PM - Women's Soccer vs Oakland City

October 14: Campus Ministry bonfire at Lake Banet
End of mid-term period

October 15: Fall Break-NO CLASSES
5:00 PM - Men's Soccer vs Rockhurst University
7:30 PM - Women's Soccer vs Rockhurst

October 16: 12:00 PM - Football vs Urbana University
8:30 PM - 10:30 PM - Ultimate Ninja Showdown (Halleck Student Center Ballroom)

October 17: 12:00 PM - Women's Soccer vs Quincy
2:30 PM - Men's Soccer vs Quincy University



(Left) The students on the camping retreat take a quick picture. (Above) Senior Bridget McDermott talks to students on retreat.

Photos courtesy of: Brother Tim Hemm

Leaving Childish Things Behind

By Eileen Mills-Groninger
Opinions Editor

Lately, I have had the same quotation stuck in my head. It has been ringing in my ears particularly loudly in the evenings when I am surrounded by my peers at dinner, and it is starting to bother me.

“When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.” (1 Corinthians 13:11)

I do not know why, but all of a sudden I have been thinking about this verse on a nearly daily basis. Perhaps I have just been around children too much; I am an elementary education major, after all. Maybe it is the lasting effect of Core. Or perhaps it is about something else, something far more

profound: What if I am truly growing up, and ready to be an adult?

Think about it like this: we are all in college now. We have left the world of high school behind, right? Wrong. Many of us (myself included) are still in that high school mentality of having to be the most popular, the most productive, the smartest in the class, the one with the most school spirit, and even the biggest gossip. I see it all the time at dinner. Everyone from sports to academics sits in their sections, separate from the rest of the cafeteria. We are all part of a clique in some way.

Do you not remember this from high school? Because I do, and there is not necessarily anything wrong with it, but it does bother me to a degree because of the attitudes that go along with it. If I were to cross the aisle into the football table, would I

be as welcomed as I would be if I were going to sit with the music kids? Conversely, would it be a fault of the football players that I am more comfortable with the music kids?

Not at all; I am more comfortable with people that I can easily recognize as having something in common with me. Now, I do not mean to pick on the football team or any sport group for that matter, I just wish to point out that there would be funny looks at first if I tried to sit down with any group of people that I am normally not associated with.

As I sit at dinner, looking at familiar faces, that verse from Corinthians rings back into my head. Why do I think about this at dinner? I feel like it is because I am thinking about my future; I will have to start introducing myself to strangers again in a few months, and yet I still

live among strangers.

We are all here at Saint Joseph’s College because we wanted to be a part of the Puma Community, also known as the Family. We all live here for nine months of the year (at least), so we should at least get to know each other’s names.

My challenge for the Saint Joseph’s College Community is to break some boundaries this year. Stop being afraid to sit with the sports teams; many of them are really nice, terrific people. Sit with someone you have never met before, and find the courage to start a conversation. If it does not go well, that is all right because at least you tried. Let us abandon our high school conventions and give ourselves over to the Collegiate Community of Scholars that we are. Remember: It is a great day to be a Puma.

Unfortunate Informalities



By Caleb Thomas
Staff Writer

One of society’s greatest shortcomings today is its informality. Informality itself is a somewhat broad, vague category. However, it is the root of two very obvious issues: familiarity and under dressing.

Familiarity is defined as “considerable acquaintance with, established friendship; intimacy” or alternately, “an absence of ceremony and formality; informality.” In this case, I refer to the latter. The cultural informality of today has created a false sense of intimacy among people. Telemarketers and salesmen now feel at ease addressing one by one’s first name and often only give their own first name in return. This is not only inappropriate, but also belittling and offensive. It has even come to the point that children will no longer call their friends’ parents “Mister” and “Misses”. It cannot be borne.

The use of Christian names should be reserved to close friends and family. Simply put, allowing acquaintances to use one’s forename gives the false impression that they know one well enough to break other etiquette. If one would be unwilling to trust a person with

sensitive, personal information, then it is inappropriate for one to allow said person to address one by one’s forename. The use of formal address commands respect and creates the distinction between friends or family and associates or acquaintances. The deterioration of formal address and etiquette results in the deterioration of respect and manners. There should certainly be a distinction between children and elders as well as between superiors and subordinates.

In the English language, it is proper that men should be addressed as “Mister” (Mr.) followed by their surname. Married women should be addressed as “Misses” (Mrs.) followed by their surname. Boys under thirteen should be addressed as “Master” (Mstr.) followed by their surname, while girls and unmarried women should be addressed as “Miss” (Ms.) followed by their surname. It is also appropriate, particularly for children addressing adults, to use “Sir” for men and “Madam” or “Ma’am” for women (note that these titles should not be followed by a surname).

The best way to combat this breach in etiquette is to lead by example; stick to it yourself. Address others in this fashion as etiquette dictates and insist (politely of course) that you be addressed likewise. This is not to say, mind you, that I recommend formal address among family and close friends. Do not take it too far, but business associates and acquaintances should remain formal until such a time (in the case of acquaintances) that they are counted as good friends. At the very least, children should be addressing all adults accordingly.

Have your voice be heard!

Are there people or groups on campus that you think deserve to be recognized for their contributions to the campus community?

Are their concerns in *the Observer* that need to be addressed?

Do you have any concerns with policies on campus?

Are there issues you think need to be discussed?

Tell us about it! The Student Forum is your way to speak out and have your voice be heard. Please send your letters to Eileen Mills-Groninger at emp6839@saintjoe.edu attached as a Word document.

The other issue brought about by informality is overly casual dress. While I note well that everyone enjoys being comfortable, it should be done in the privacy of one’s own home. The modern era’s over-relaxation of decorum has resulted in a society that frankly does not know how to dress properly. Our ancestors learned to dress themselves at a very young age, but to-day it seems many adults live their lives still unable to do it right.

Pajamas should never, under any circumstances, be seen in public. The same goes for undergarments (if you have this issue, then you are not using a belt when you should

be). Jeans and sandals are nice but we all have to grow up sometime. Jeans should be worn sparingly and sweats probably should not be worn in public, if at all.

This is not about how to polish shoes or buy a suit that fits properly. The people struggling with under dressing have not even gotten that far. In short, valuing personal comfort over one’s appearance is pure selfishness. I never said it was easy doing the right thing, but dressing properly has not killed anyone yet.

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ANOTHER INSTANT CLASSIC FOR THE ARCADE FIRE

By Michael Garrity
Features Editor

More often than not, the best writers are also the best storytellers (I mean, not always, as anyone who has read an Ayn Rand novel can attest to), and not only are Win Butler and his often heralded band, the Arcade Fire, great songwriters but, as *The Suburbs* proves, great storytellers as well.

The Arcade Fire gained international fame upon the release of their first album, *Funeral*, way back in 2004. The album garnered beaps of critical acclaim and plenty of famous fans (including David Bowie). It has since appeared on many “Album of the Decade” lists. They followed it up in 2008 with *Neon Bible*, another good effort that didn’t quite live up to its predecessor. This August they released *The Suburbs*, and have officially outdone themselves.

The band’s latest effort is a concept album about childhood, growing up, and change, and the role that modernization and consumer society plays in that experience. Using the suburbs as a metaphorical representation of the innocence and simplicity of childhood, the album reminisces on times and memories gone by (“Wasted Hours”) and the optimism of youth (“Half-Light I”). Eventually the plight of modernization and consumerism threaten that innocence, as observed in the tracks “Modern Man,” “Rococo,” and “Half-Light II (No Celebration).” In time, change runs its course and, like everything else, the suburbs grow up and become the sprawl, a growth heartbreakingly captured in “Sprawl I (Flatland).” This is followed by the synth-heavy pop number “Sprawl II (Mountains Beyond Mountains),” which chronicles the feelings of disillusionment

with adult life.

At its core, *The Suburbs* is a beautifully told story about growing up. Repeated imagery and, at times, using the same lyrics and melodies in different songs throughout the album help the band create their most cohesive piece of art yet. Their sound is, for the most part, more acoustic and subtle than their previous work, but is still undeniably Arcade Fire. The newfound maturity of the band, though, really plays a part in what is, for my money, the best release of their careers. Listening to *The Suburbs* is, like growing up, an emotional journey filled with the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, and Butler and company capture that feeling perfectly. I don’t like to make these kinds of claims as early as October, but it’s going to be bard for anyone to come out with an album better than this in 2010.



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| Rococo | The Suburbs | Deep Blue |
| Sprawl II (Mountains Beyond Mountains) | Suburban War | |

OVERALL GRADE

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Tracklisting		
1.	The Suburbs	
2.	Ready to Start	Release Date
3.	Modern Man	August 3, 2010
4.	Rococo	
5.	Empty Room	Producer
6.	City With No Children	Markus Dravs
7.	Half Light I	Arcade Fire
8.	Half Light II (No Celebration)	
9.	Suburban War	Personnel
10.	Month of May	Win Butler, Will Butler, Jeremy Gara
11.	Wasted Hours	Régine Chassagne, Tim Kingsbury,
12.	Deep Blue	Sarah Neufeld, Richard Reed Parry
13.	We Used to Wait	
14.	Sprawl I (Flatland)	
15.	Sprawl II (Mountains Beyond Mountains)	
16.	The Suburbs (Continued)	

..... Hipsteria!.....
Or, Invasion of the Culture Snatchers

By Andrew Dudich
Staff Writer

“La Vie Bohème” is alive and well in modern America. A reformation of alternative-culture is emerging from an amalgam of post-war mindsets, taking influence from the beatnik, punk, grunge, and hippie cultures. Most of these individuals, known as “hipsters,” are highly educated in the arts and sciences, but reject pop culture and conventional politics. While everyone, from small-time bloggers to Time Magazine, has tried to define “hipsterism,” there are significant contradictions in the styles and philosophies upheld by various hipster factions. Perhaps, the only way to define a hipster is an independent thinker, someone who goes against conventionality. Regardless of definition, hipsters are commonly stereotyped as pompous, independent music lovers that drink Pabst Blue Ribbon and have the fashion sense of Weezer frontman, Rivers Cuomo.

So, if you aren’t currently sipping a PBR and discussing alternative energy while listening to indie rock, you may be wondering how this effects you. Put simply, I see hipsters as the future of America. We are living in a time when independent politicians are gaining ground, war-weariness is high, and environmentalism is trending. Tech nerds (those who make a living working in technological fields such as engineering or graphic design) are becoming overnight millionaires with Internet hits such as Napster and Facebook. America’s thirst for post-postmodern culture and



green technology is most commonly quenched by the hipster genre, as they are the modern inventors and artists of our time. Similarly, hipsters are producing the higher class culture of our nation, which encompasses our values and attitudes towards other means of thinking. They are a foretaste of what America may become, but one must then wonder, as with any trendy subculture, how long will they last?

Now that I have explained what it means to be a hipster, I would like to share some others’ perspectives on the subculture. The first is HipsterHitler.com, an entertaining webcomic with subtle humor, analyzing what the WWII Führer would have been like if he had been a hipster. Next is www.HipsterKitty.com. Think “lolcats” with hipster sayings. A canine version is available at HipsterPuppies.tumblr.com.

Did you have any trouble with last week’s “Know Your Profs” crossword puzzle? Of course you didn’t! But, for those unfortunate students who were unable to conquer Andrew’s creation, he has provided the answers to it in this week’s issue.

Left: Weezer frontman and hipster icon Rivers Cuomo shows us what it means to be truly counter-culture. (Photo courtesy of: <http://www.pollsb.com/photos/o/14095-rivers-cuomo.jpg>)

Below: A reimagining of infamous Nazi leader Adolf Hitler as a modern-day hipster, from www.HipsterHitler.com. (Photo courtesy of: <http://thesheaf.com/shlog/files/2010/09/Screen-shot-2010-09-18-at-8.49.20-PM.png>)

- 1. pgeraci
- 2. jegan
- 3. pgilbert
- 4. amcfarland
- 5. ddixon
- 6. sberger
- 7. dzier
- 8. nhaskell
- 9. bcapouch
- 10. jnichols
- 11. schattin
- 12. wstang
- 13. rreuter
- 14. rgarrity
- 15. themm
- 16. fberger
- 17. rbrodman



Fantasy Meets Reality

By Corey Dowds
Staff Writer

Once upon a time, there was a man named Walter Camp. Walter saw the game of rugby and said to himself, "This is lame." Walter decided to be the greatest inventor of all-time and slowly change some of the rules of the sport in the early 1900s. What resulted was modern American football. Walter, known as "The Father of Football," helped forge the game as we know it today. There was something missing though, something that could be added to make watching the sport exponentially better. Then, a man named Xavier Fantasy, who decided to be the second greatest inventor off all-time, posed this question to the world, "How can we numerically categorize a player's talent and ability and then turn that information into a competitive format...where gambling could take place?" On that fateful day, fantasy football was born.

Fantasy football is a game that can be set up in your living room, or on the internet, most commonly through sites like ESPN.com and NFL.com. Ten to twenty people organize a draft date and, on that date, the participants pick players who they think will have the best stats throughout the season. This may sound simple, but there is a lot of strategy involved. Many times players draft status is affected by off the field controversy, injuries, preseason progress, and hold out issues. This can make for some very tricky drafting choices.

For example, the former Denver Broncos wide receiver, Brandon Marshall, went from a good passing offense with the Broncos to the below average passing offense of the Miami Dolphins. Would Brandon see the same production as he did last year? Only time will tell.

Point systems can work in a variety of different ways. My two leagues work as such: one point = twenty-five passing yards, ten receiving/rushing yards, and successful extra points. Six points = a kick or punt return touchdown or receiving/rushing touchdown. Quarterbacks who throw a touchdown pass are awarded four points. There are other factors also, such as negative points for interceptions, fumbles lost, and field goals or extra points missed. Defense and special teams are joined together, so you must be careful about drafting a defense and special teams unit that both have the potential to score for you.

Essentially, fantasy football is about luck. It is however, more fun to say it is about skill and proceed to rub every single victory in your friend's faces. Rocco Mizzanti, cross country all-star sophomore at Saint Joseph's College, said of fantasy football, "I hate fantasy football, because I am a terrible [poop] talker." Matt "3.14" Phillips, a freshman, said "It really helps to ease the pain of your favorite teams loss when your fantasy team does well." (Matt is a Bears fan, so he hasn't had to worry about that pain.) "It's a good thing to fall back on," says Phillips, "until you lose

there too." Jay "The Instigation" Skibbens, fifth year super senior, commented about the best part of fantasy football, saying that "the best part about fantasy football is that it allows you to be the general manager of your own team while still getting to talk smack to your friends."

It is still early in the season, but I think we can go over some almost-quarter-of-the-way-done season awards!

Top Scorer: Peyton Manning

Any surprise here? I am not a huge Peyton Manning fan by any means, but there is no denying his productivity in the regular season. Fifty-seven passing attempts and 433 yards in the first game will help you achieve top scorer too.

Top Running Back: Adrian Peterson

Adrian spits in the face for people that drafted him number two!

Top D/SPT: Steelers

Not missing Big Ben at all!

Biggest Surprise: Michael Vick

From the doghouse to top dog!

Most productive rookie: Jahvid Best

I could make a joke here, but that would be too easy. Good job Mr. Best!

Most erratic: Joe Flacco

From one week where he achieves negative points, to another where he has over twenty. Joe needs to be more consistent.



A stalwart competitor participates in a rousing game of fantasy football, obviously pleased that he is performing well. (Photo courtesy of: <http://www.slashfilm.com/wp/wp-content/images/guy-at-computer.jpg>)

Most Potential: Joe Flacco

With a good receiving core and an underachieving running game, Joe should see some improvement when Ray Rice is healthy. Plus it helps when you play with the future Super Bowl Champions. With a unibrow and good looks like that, how could you not throw at least two touchdown passes a week?

Biggest disappointments: Chris Johnson and Beanie Wells

Johnson was drafted number one by everyone, and he is currently ranked fourteenth, behind Kyle Orton and Jay Cutler. Beanie was taken in the first or second round by a lot of players, and he has yet to see the field due to injury.

There is a lot of time left this season, so stars may fall and disappointments may rise, but like I said, only time will tell. To my fantasy football brethren, I wish you all good luck this season!

Easy A Scores High Marks

By Michael Garrity
Features Editor

There are two types of really satisfying movie-going experiences. There is the type I experienced this summer when I saw Christopher Nolan's epic new film, *Inception*, for which I had very high expectations going in, that were immediately shattered. At some point during the film, "it" clicks and the viewer realizes that what they are watching is a truly amazing work of art. The other experience I just encountered last month when I went to see the new film *Easy A*, a movie so surprisingly good that the viewer feels legitimate excitement for what they've just seen after the credits start to roll. The commonality between each type of film is that they stay with you for days after you leave the theatre.

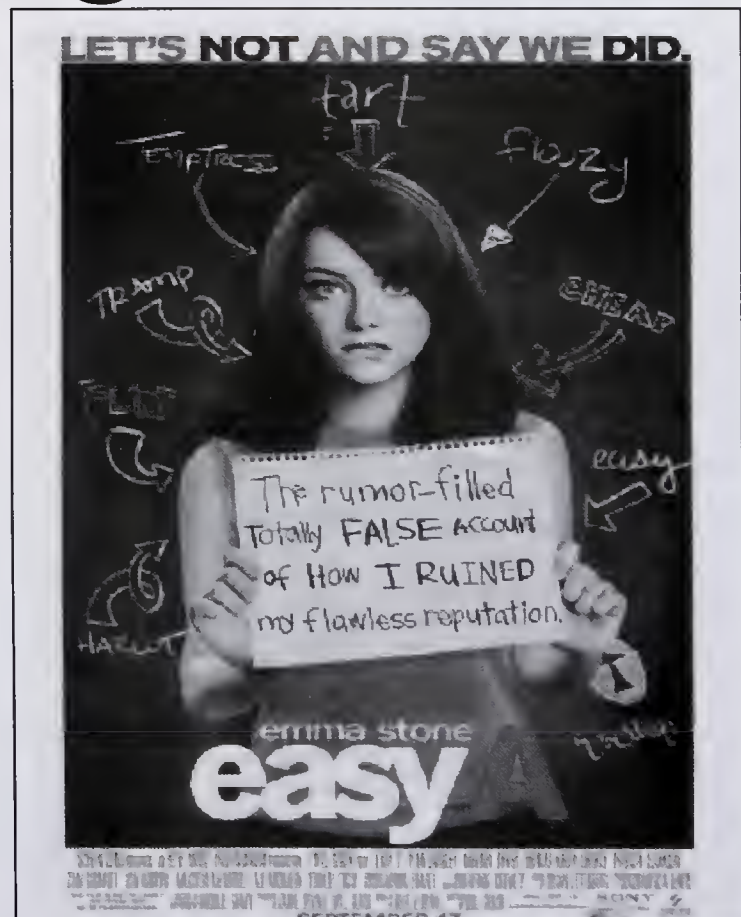
To briefly summarize, *Easy A* is a film about a high school girl, Olive, whose life, despite her wonderfully whimsical parents, is decidedly humdrum. In a moment of mixed embarrassment and peer pressure (which

can only be felt in high school) she makes up a story about losing her virginity to her best friend in the school bathroom, which would not be a big deal except an especially righteous Amanda Bynes happened to overhear Olive's tale and proceeds to try to "save" her by spreading the news throughout the school. Over a series of unusual scenarios, Olive gains a reputation as a floozy, though she is really just allowing boys at school to say they slept with her (to increase their social standing) in exchange for various gift cards to different retail outlets.

Thanks to an excellent and likeable performance by relative newcomer Emma Stone (you may have seen her in *Zombieland*), *Easy A* is able to coast by on its quirky humor, which is almost non-stop throughout the film. Think of it as *Juno*, if *Juno* weren't so annoying. The standouts of the cast are veteran actors Stanley Tucci and Patricia Clarkson as Olive's bohemian parents and Thomas Haden Church as her cliché-defying English teacher.

At its core, *Easy A* is a film whose primary goal is to play with genre conventions, and have fun doing it. Though the film is partially inspired by the famous Nathaniel Hawthorne novel *The Scarlet Letter* (after reading the book in class, Olive decides to embroider a red "A" on to her clothing, hence the film's title), it also spends much of its time paying homage to teen romantic comedies of the past. The final scene of the film, for instance, is an amalgamation of various John Hughes movies. This is, undoubtedly, what makes the movie so enjoyable. Unlike a movie like *Juno*, *Easy A* chooses not to take itself too seriously. Sure, there is a romance with the hunky high school boy who just doesn't care about Olive's supposed bad reputation, but even this subplot is treated with a delightful irreverence.

Easy A is a film that accomplishes the task of exposing the conventions of a genre littered with clichés, but does so in a way that treats them with respect, all wrapped up in an easy-going,



and hilarious, film that will leave viewers of all ages satisfied.

(Photo courtesy of: http://www.comingsoon.net/gallery/56045/Easy_A_4.jpg)

Pumas Are Going to Welcome the Falcons to Homecoming

By Corey Dowds
Staff Writer

Is everyone ready for some more football? Certainly hope so, because our Puma football team is ready to perform. If you have attended the football games, or have been listening to the local buzz around campus, you would be aware that our pumas did not get off to an ideal start, going 0-3 in the first 3 games. You should also know that the pumas swung momentum back in their favor by obliterating our rivals the Valparaiso football team by a score of 50-7, the team now hopes the rest of the season will go as well.

With a week of rest, there is a lot of pressure for our pumas to perform well and especially high energy for the homecoming game this Saturday. Mack Ogletree and Kenneth "Spike" Rossi, two players on the football team that are the figureheads for leadership and performance, answered some questions about the homecoming game. "We are playing Notre Dame College" said Spike, in a very friendly email response. "Our expectation as a football team is to put all three phases of the game together, offense, defense, and special teams."

Spike is very optimistic about the homecoming game, saying "If we are able to play physical and enthusiastic, and play together, we should come out on top." Ogletree agrees, "I expect a great game from the pumas."

The players also answered some question about their own personal goals about the game. "As for my own personal expectations, I expect to perform well enough to elevate the pumas to a victory, and be more vocal, on and off the field," said Ogletree. Spike gave his goals for his last homecoming game, saying "As far as for me personally, being a senior, this is my last homecoming game. I hope to go out there and put it all out on the field. I hope to do my job and play hard and play fast to make plays. Just want to show up for all our supporters and give them something to watch."

The puma football team has had devastating injuries at the QB position, leaving Ogletree the pumas #1 WR and now #4 emergency QB to be the quarterback. I asked him about the situation for next Saturday. "The Teams QB situation is still the same as of right now. Yes, I will be rotating in as QB,

but I will also get reps at WR." commented Ogletree. Judging by what these two have said, we can expect a game full of heart and effort from our football team. Ogletree gave his prediction, "Prediction for the final score is for the pumas to be up when four zeros hit the clock in the fourth quarter on homecoming." Come out and support our Pumas on October 9th at 12:00 CT, at the Alumni Stadium! Be there to show your support, and good luck to the football team!

But even with homecoming around the corner even a bigger challenges is coming in our conference games. 3 of our last 4 games our conference games. 2 of those games our going to be home, with the last game of the year being a home conference game possible for the title. The Pumas will be facing Missouri S&T which is our biggest problem during conference games but our Pumas hope to be able to beat them. The week after homecoming come help our Pumas start our road to the conference title.

They Pumas won 58-22 on Oct 2 and are now 2-3, let's hope for 3-3 for homecoming.



The Pumas getting ready for the next set. Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland C.P.P.S

Spiking Pumas Even

By Jeremy Butterfield
Sports Editor

Saint Joseph's College Volleyball team is been doing a great job this year. The team is doing what most teams in the Richard F. Scharf Alumni Field house do. The team is currently 8-8 (3-3) in conference. The team has been doing good recently with a 4 game winning streak and 3 of those wins being conferences wins.

The team is mostly done with their season. They only have 8 games with a tournament also in there so they could have a great record when this season is all over. But with our conference the Pumas are not looking so good because we have played more games and the other teams that have not played as many might have a few less losses.

This team is very good overall that they know how many of their opponents play and know how to counter many of them. Many people might have seen that coming because of how young this team is. This is a young team with 10 of their players being under classmen and only 5 players being upper classmen they should be good the next few years. But youth does not hinder this

team from performing to the best of their abilities. There are very few players that stand out from the team. They play together and most get the ball so many times during a game otherwise they would complain.

This team passes the ball around but there are two players that get the ball because they can be considered playmakers for the team. They are two juniors number 27 Sharon Freund and number 10 Erin Bocker. They have big numbers for attacks and sets for their team which can really help for when they might be down and they need to be able to count on someone the team can always count on these two.

It is nice to have two solid players the team can count on. It is also nice having such a young team, that you know can win. This shows promise for the next few years. If some of the under classmen start to show promise at the end of this year and continue to improve to next year this could be a very good team over the next few years.

The Pumas are going to be home for their next two games on October 8th at 7 pm and October 9th at 3 pm. The second game is going to be starting at the end of the homecoming football game. After the football game, you can head over to the Field house and help cheer on another great Puma team.

Puma Soccer Still Kickin'

By Paige Kirkland
Staff Writer

On the afternoon of Sunday, September 19th, the Saint Joseph's Pumas took their first victory of the 2010 season against Kentucky, Wesleyan. In the beginning, both teams struggled with a scoreless first half. Much to the Panthers' surprise, freshman Sarah Johnson (position: forward) brought the Pumas home with scoring goals, leading to an impressive first win. The improved defense of Saint Joseph's Pumas allowed Mackenzie Calvert, not only her first victory, but also her first shutout against the Panthers As of right now, the girls have started off the season with a record of 1-8-1. They have pushed through each game with unyielding determination and perseverance. This teamwork has been shown through an impressive 65 total saves.

As a whole, the women of the soccer team have been role models of teamwork. From the beginning of the season they have triumphed with improvement. Overpowering the strength of several of their opponents, the Saint Joseph's Pumas have given the other teams a run for their money on many occasions. In the face of loss, the girls have stayed strong and played their hardest.

There were many games that remained neck-and-neck until the very end. The girls have kept the games close, never losing by more than three points. It is no doubt that their season will improve with such potential.

Coach L. Scott House, being the seventh SJC head coach of the

women's soccer team, has had experience coaching at several other institutions. He has started his coaching career at Saint Joseph's with a great group of team players. He has teamed up with a new assistant coach, Amy Duba, with hopes of improving not only the skill of the team, but also their physical and mental stamina. She has proven to be helpful to the team on and off the field.

Concentrating on the team's offense and defense, the Saint Joseph's Pumas are becoming more and more focused. Their relentless defensive strategies have consistently pressured the opposing teams, including 5th ranked Northern Kentucky University, to their limit.

Time and time again, the Pumas have forced their opponents into a situation where the opponent's only choice was to guard their own goal instead of focusing on scoring points. This alone has demonstrated the strength of their defensive aspects. Currently, the team's offense has room for further improvement.

It is certainly a work in progress. However, the women's soccer team is handling the start to their season with much confidence, work ethic, and commitment. As midfielder Stephanie Wiethop states, "Compared to my last two years, the team has improved dramatically. We have a lot of talent and we are using it well. We just can't score. We are way more positive than last year, and we work well as a team. We just need to finish."

The Saint Joseph's Puma soccer teams have had quite a busy

agenda this season. In addition to their original game schedule, the team hosted its first "Puma Women's Soccer Kicking Cancer Day" on September 12th. This event was held in order to support the Lance Armstrong Foundation, in which its goal is to "comprehensively improve the quality of life for members of the global cancer community". They received a lot of support and contributions from the local area, with much positive feedback and encouragement to continue this as an annual event next year.

In the midst of losses, wins, and fundraisers, the Saint Joseph's Women's soccer team has continued to grow closer and managed to open the season with an impressive start. They will showcase the knowledge they have gained from the previous games so far in the remaining seven games of the season. The future is looking bright for this group of girls as long as they continue to build off of their already optimistic outlooks.

Saint Joseph's College is very proud of its athletics and how they have developed since the institution was established. Our women's soccer team will without a doubt proceed to improve and learn from past experience. These experiences, along with ongoing support from the Puma family, will help the SJC Women's soccer team soar through another successful and well-played season.



Our Pumas protecting the goal. Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland C.P.P.S

MLB SOON TO START PLAYOFFS

By Jeremy Butterfield
Sports Editor

This year was another exciting year for baseball is Alex Rodriguez, who passed the 600 mark in homeruns in the middle of the year. The National League wins the All-Star game for the first time since 1996 and that game will help determine where the first games of the World Series will be. The end of the year is no different with playoffs starting soon. Who will be playing is not determined till the end of the season.

With the America League not getting home field for the World Series we will start with them. The Tampa Bay Rays has the best record in the American League with 96-66. They will be facing the Texas Rangers in a best of 5 series at home.

During the regular season the Rays went 4-2 against the Rangers. The Rangers are also coming into the playoffs with the worst record with 90-72, which is still an amazing record. A lot of teams wish to get to that 90 win mark during a season.

The other two teams in the playoffs for the American League

are the New York Yankees, who won the World Series title last year, and the Minnesota Twins. The Yankees are coming into the playoffs in the wild card spot but that is just because the team that won their division was the Rays.

The wild card spot normally has a team with a bad record but the Yankees have the 2nd best record in the American League with 95-67. The Twins are just one game behind them with a 94-68 record. The Yankees also control the series 4-2 over the Twins. Most baseball fans are all thinking the same thing right now: they all want the Yankees out of the playoffs because they do not need a 28th World Series win and the Rays are still looking for their first. So let's hope for the Rays to be the Little Giants this year.

The National League does have the best record in all of Major League Baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies with a 97-65 record. The top of MLB was close all the way to the end of the season. They hope to return the title they had back in 2008 to their city. They went to the World Series last year but lost to the champs in the Yankees. They will

be facing the Cincinnati Reds who got into the plays with a 91-71 record which is about average for this year's teams in the playoffs. The Reds will be facing an uphill challenge because during the regular season they lost to the Phillies 5-2 in the series. The Phillies are looking to try and keep low scoring games with most of their wins coming from their pitching staff. With the Reds having the 4th overall offense in baseball it will be a good duel between these two teams. Joey Votto will hopefully be leading his teammates and the whole Reds organization to the World Series.

Most of the spots were not decided until the last day of the season in the National League. The other two teams in the National League spot were fighting for their spot until the last day of the season. The San Francisco Giants beat the San Diego Padres on the last day of the season to clinch their spot and the Atlanta Braves spot.

The Giants ended up with a 92-70 record. The last win came at the end of the season when they beat the Padres at home to make an exciting finish to the season. The Braves ended up in the wild card spot when they had a record just as good as the Reds with 91-71. The Braves are leading this series during the regular season with 4-3 so this match up will be a close one.



COLLEGES ALL OVER INDIANA ARE JUST OK

By Jeremy Butterfield
Sports Editor

Football is a big deal in Indiana and this year is no different for college football either. Indiana is a unique state they have four division one teams most of them in different conferences. Most of these teams are known around college football for doing great things but this year looks like it might be a rough year for them.

A small team that only a few people have probably heard of is Notre Dame. They got a new coach this year and even with a rocky start they still look better than the past few years.

Then there is Indiana University which is in the Big Ten, one of the toughest conferences in college football today. The Hoosiers have had a good start but they may not have faced the toughest of teams so far, so we will see how they do once they face some good teams.

The next team is also in the Big Ten and that is Purdue University which is having an ok start for who they have been facing so far.

The last school which is the smallest is Ball State University. The Cardinals are having a great start for what the team is used to. The Cardinals are currently 2-3 (1-0) in conference. They won their first conference game last week. The team always likes to start a conference year off on a good foot. They year is almost at the halfway point.

The Purdue Boilermakers are the only team in this article to face the other three teams. They are currently 1-1 with a loss to Notre Dame and a win over Ball State. But overall the Boilermakers are 2-2, with their first conference game starting next week. They will face the Hoosiers at the very end of the year. The team has four ranked teams on their schedule. They are all going

to be played over a five week term with three of them coming one after another.

They will be facing two of them at home but that also means two of them will be faced away. The offense seems to be able to hold their own but the real problem is the defense not giving them enough time on the field to produce points. On October 9th they will start their conference play vs Northwestern University at Northwestern.

The Indiana Hoosiers have the best record in Indiana right now with a 3-1 record and a 0-1 in Big Ten games. The Hoosiers had their first Big Ten game this past week when they faced Michigan; it was a close game all the way to the end but Michigan was able to pull out a victory with a 42-35 loss for Indiana.

Even this game shows how they have been able to move the ball well on offense and that is always nice. But now coach

Puma Athlete Profile:

By Jeremy Butterfield

Alan Austin is a Sophomore Wildlife Biology major. He is a thrower for the Track and Field team at Saint Joseph's College. Last Year as a Freshman he came in 2nd at the GLVC Conference Tournament. The team is just training for now but will soon be practicing for the season soon to come.



Hometown: Greenville, Indiana

What events do you do?: Thrower

How did you become a thrower? My middle school coach put me here and loved it since.

Why not be a Runner? Cause I'm not that fast and I do not like running a lot.

Favorite TV Show or Channel? The Simpsons/Fox, their so funny

Favorite meal? Pasta from anywhere really,

Favorite class at St. Joe's? C.V.A

Why? The information I learn can be used in my Profession

Special Talents? I can juggle 3 16-pound throwing balls

Alan is also in the play that will be coming out October 21-23, where he wants to see lots of people there and if you ask him, he will do his special Talent for you.



needs to worry about how to stop the other team. Many people say offense wins games but defense wins championships. That could be the last piece of the puzzle for Indiana to becoming a good team.

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are probably the most well known team in Indiana but they have definitely been struggling the past few years. That is why they decided to make a coaching change at the top, with Brian Kelly on taking charge of the Irish they are looking better but their record may not reflect it. With a 2-3 start this year 2 of

those losses were close and could have been swung the other way. This year they are being lead by a junior quarterback in Dayne Crist. He has been throwing the ball 25-55 times a game.

This year is looking questionable for some teams in Indiana but at least there are enough teams to go around for everyone.

Karma and the Cosmos

By Crystal Gaze



Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) The next month will be a whirlwind for you. You're going to need a daily planner for all of the social invites that are coming your way. Pick and choose very carefully and use discretion when necessary. Go with the number seven. It will bring you happiness in the areas that are not particularly fulfilling.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19) Let the past be the past and the future be the future. It's time to release all the emotional baggage you've been carrying once and for all and embrace the good life. Many opportunities are knocking --- let them in! You're rather famous for being apprehensive towards change, but these days there simply is no need for fear.

Gemini (May 20-June 20) Your ability to distinguish between right and wrong, good and bad, will dissipate if you don't start practicing some discipline. Everyone has seen how much you love to have fun, now let them see your serious side before they label you as a clown. You're a good person

—maintain your creditability and reputation and all will be well.

Cancer (June 21-July 21) A personal assessment is definitely in order for you. Look in the mirror — do you like who is looking back? If so, carry on. If not, or if you do not even have a reflection, go buy an Edward Cullen costume. Everyone loves Edward!

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22) It's time to take breather and get out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather. Enjoy the beautiful colors that nature provides and bask in warmth of the sun. Changes are upon you and you will once again hit the ground running. So this is the time to remember to breathe in between the sprints of life.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21) Everything you touch turns to gold. It appears as though you can do no wrong. Don't get over-confident, staying humble is what makes you so appealing. Your personality is so striking these days that people cannot help but flock to you for fun and adventure, so have fun and lead the way!

Libra (Sept. 22- Oct. 22) It's taking quite a bit of effort to keep those scales in perfect balance at all times now. Your professional, personal and social life are all starting to collide and your sleepless nights are the end result of such stress. It's time to take a deep breath, sit back and prioritize your wants and needs. You are a Libra and with that comes perfection. Hold that thought!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) What seemed impossible is now probable, and this is the moment you have been waiting for! All of the obstacles that were in your way have been magically removed and what you want is yours for the taking now. Avoid succumbing to greed and take only that which you have desired, then leave some for the rest.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20) Karma will be knocking at your door so be prepared and brace yourself. Your character and integrity will be tested and there could be some hurt feelings and severed friendships in the end. It would be best to take the high road and say/do nothing.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 1) It's time for you to start walking the walk and talking the talk! Many are watching and waiting to see what you've got. Put your money where your mouth is and show them. Bring only your "A" game. The sooner you do this, the sooner everyone will notice you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17) Trying to stay ahead of the game has exhausted you and pushed you to your limits. You have to know when to say "when" and when you should walk or run. Set boundaries for yourself and you can have everything you want, just don't forget that you're only human. There will always be so much to do, so do it at your own pace to see the best results.

Pisces (Feb. 18-Mar. 20) The big brass ring is there for the taking! Trust your intuition and listen to those close to you. Those who love you will have your best interests at heart and will help you with difficult decisions. Someone from your past will surface and try to add their two cents. Don't let them, they bring only jealousy and ill advice.

Overheard Say What?

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to mbp6978@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

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"I was going to be Sarah Palin for Halloween, but lobotomies are pretty pricey."

~
"I just hate when I'm walking and I realize "Ugh! I'm in nature!"."

~
"I got yelled at by some hippies at the tree-planting when I voiced that I had better things to do."

~
"I love you like a fat kid loves Twinkies... sexually."

~
"Bacchus at Ricos!"

~
"Even dirty old men need love too."

In bottom photograph: Kolby Alexis (Freshman/Sophomore) and non-students

Here are the responses from last week!



This week's photograph:



Man: "I told you, I'm gay!"
Woman: "I thought you said it was just a phase!"

Man: "Please don't cry..."
Woman: "Please stop taking my shoes."

Man: "How could I have married a Colts fan!"
Woman: "You didn't. This was an arranged marriage...the terms were decided on the Superbowl XLI."

Woman: "Wasn't it obvious that it was a man?!"
Man: "..."

Man: "Why would you want to watch Dancing with the Stars?"
Woman: "The Situation is on it..."

Man: "I can see your bumpit."
Woman: "You forgot the 'G' in your GTL."

Man: "I'm sorry you didn't win Miss Puma."
Woman: "I'm more angry that you did."

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for September 20
(219) 866-2222
fountainstone theaters.com

Easy A (PG-13)
Mon.-Thurs. 5:35, 7:25

Legend of the Guardians (PG)
Mon.-Thurs. 5:30, 7:20

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13)
Mon.-Thurs. 4:00, 6:20

The Social Network (PG-13)
Mon.-Thurs. 4:10, 6:30

The Town (R)
Mon.-Thurs. 4:05, 6:25

Coming Soon!

Life As We Know It
and
My Soul to Take

The Ritz Cinema

Movies for September 20
(219) 866-0086

Nanny McPhee and The Big Bang (PG)
Mon: 7:30 only

Coming Soon!

(To be announced)
Cats & Dogs
Alpha and Omega
Due Date

The Kissing Booth:

By Michael Booth

Staff Writer

Question: What's up with the games at the early stages of dating?

Man and woman deserve straight and forward answers when it comes to DTR: defining the relationship. The context in which men desire to be teased is entirely location specific, and requires a certain level of trust along with one of playfulness. So ladies, when you are at the DTR point of your relationship, you need to be open and honest about your feelings, even if it seems awkward, you still need to put yourself out there. Take a risk. What's the worse that he is going to say? Everyman's "no" is one step closer to that final yes! And gentleman, why do you feel as if you have to lead women on by "feeling out her situation"? Both her levels of attraction and her relationship status are probably public, so it should be quite simple to tell whether or not you two have any sort of future together. The harsh possibility of rejection should in fact be a welcome invitation to new people and new possibilities. Stalking is so last year, so try creeping freshmen on Facebook and, when shot down, simply move down your friend list.